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RE: Tennis Racquet Equipped with a Tennis Ball Retriever;
Application No. #09/655,743

Dear Ms. Cook:

Enclosed is a copy of the requested Reply Brief that was received on May 5, 2003. I trust the original will catch up to the file in due time. Thank you for your assistance.

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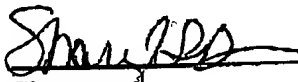
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